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Dr. Sinda Vanderpool President and Vice Chancellor St. Mary's University 14500 Bannister Road SE Calgary, AB T2G 1Z4

Dear Dr. Vanderpool,

I am pleased to express my support for renaming the Fish Creek/Lacombe C-Train station and platform in recognition of St. Mary's University as a place of prominence in Southeast Calgary.

As a commuter school with no permanent residences on campus, public transit and the proximity to the current Fish Creek-Lacombe C-Train station has helped ensure that a holistic St. Mary's University education is not reserved just for those with their own means of transportation. For over 20 years, St. Mary's University has been a pillar of the southeast community, helping Calgarians meet their educational and career goals with accessible, innovative programs.

St. Mary's holds a significant place in the hearts and minds of many individuals within our community. It has been a centre of education, research, and community engagement for many years, making a profound impact on the surrounding communities. By renaming the Fish Creek-Lacombe platforms to include St. Mary's University, it would not only honour St. Mary's contributions but enhance the station and platform's identity and promote community pride.

Updating the name of the Fish Creek/Lacombe C-Train station and platform identifies the location of St. Mary's University directly on the train line. There is precedent for this, as with other post-secondary institutions adjacent to C-Train stations (i.e. University Station, SAIT-Alberta University of the Arts-Jubilee Station, City Hall-Bow Valley College Station) also have their names identified at the station.

Please know that as the president of the University of Calgary, you have my strong support for the motion to Calgary City Council.

Sincerely,

Edward McCauley, PhD, FRSC President and Vice-Chancellor

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